



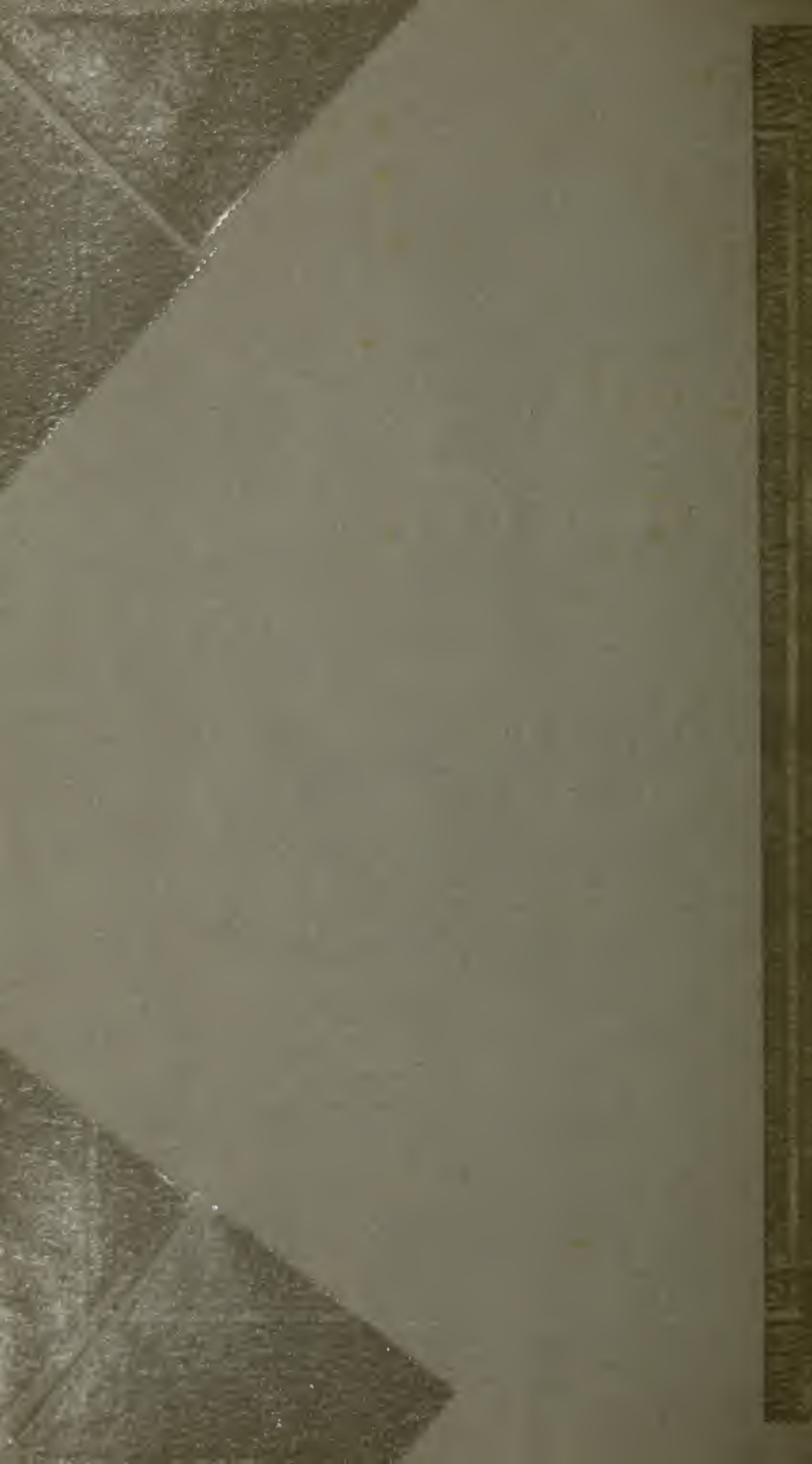
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Ebenezer T. Fogg

## Resolutions Adopted at the March Meeting, 1897.

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### A Tribute to the Memory of Ebenezer T. Fogg.

Assembled in annual meeting, we miss from our midst our honored townsman, late Treasurer and long-time Clerk, Ebenezer T. Fogg.

But once before in forty consecutive years has he been absent from these meetings, and his absence to-day forcibly reminds us that we shall see him in earth's familiar places no more.

We feel that his long, faithful and honorable services in various capacities deserve recognition from us today, and that it is fitting that we should record our appreciation of his worth.

During all the years that he kept the records of these meetings our hearts have kept an invisible record in memory of him, of which we would make today's tribute the signature.

The generations that have known him desire to place upon the next annual report and upon the records of the town, so long and beautifully kept by him, this tribute to his character and worth, thus bequeathing to the generations to come the story of his official life, that the future, also may know that Norwell has produced a citizen of a type to inspire those who may be called to serve the public in all times to come.

In extending our sympathy to the family of the deceased we beg to remind them that while they lament a good husband and father, we lament the wise counsellor, accomplished official and personal friend, and rate our sorrow second only to theirs. As they remember him lovingly, we remember him gratefully and appreciatively. He was an honor to his native town, and his native town will ever honor and cherish his memory.

Today, in spite of sorrow, Norwell is glad and proud to have possessed such a citizen, of whom, now that he has ceased from earthly labors, she can say, "Well done good and faithful servant."

T. THOMPSON,  
JOHN CORTHELL,  
E. F. BLOOD.





FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS OF NORWELL,  
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Norwell:*

The Selectmen in presenting their annual statement can report no material change in the financial condition of the town from that of one year ago.

We had a large snow expense for which no appropriation was made. Our incidental expenses were enlarged somewhat by the fire which occurred in Valley Swamp; and but for the valuable assistance rendered by the Hingham Fire Department and citizens of the town, a far greater loss to property would have been the result.

The cost to the town for support of the poor and soldiers' relief is \$2,598.68 as against \$2,774.77 expended in these departments in 1896.

The almshouse for the past year has been under the superintendency of Mr. Francis L. Smith and wife. We quote the remarks made by Charles E. Woodbury, Esq., Inspector of Institutions, under whose direction our almshouse was visited, as expressing our sentiments:

"The almshouse is in good condition and under excellent management. Much has been done the past year to improve the interior by new floors, painting and whitening."

When we compare this report with that of many others concerning almshouses in the State we may justly feel proud of the condition and management of our own. The house has now five inmates.

A franchise has been granted the directors of the Hanover Street Railway Company to construct and operate a street railway from the Hanover and Norwell line through Main street to River street. It was expected when this franchise was granted that the road would immediately be built. As yet no movement in the way of construction has been made, and considerable disappointment occurs in consequence.

We earnestly hope that the early spring may see operations begun that will terminate in the completion of an electric road on Main street.

We have also granted this same company a franchise through Pond street, from Washington street to the Rockland line.

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

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Ebenezer T. Fogg, in account with the Town of Norwell.

DR.

To cash on hand Jan. 15, 1897,	\$1,320 02
Dog tax of 1896, refunded,	251 12
E. P. Joseph, cash refunded,	10 00
Town of Pembroke, aid refunded,	153 00
Income Massachusetts school fund,	362 57
Sale of grass on town flats, 1896,	11 00
Town of Holbrook, aid refunded,	104 00
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	\$2,211 71

CR.

Cash paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$641 78
Interest on A. T. Otis fund note,	58 50
	<hr/>
	\$700 28
Cash on hand to balance, Feb. 6, 1897,	1,511 43
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	\$2,211 71

Horace T. Fogg, in account with the Town of Norwell.

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 6, 1897,	\$1,511 43
Town of Marshfield, aid refunded,	89 00
City of Boston, aid refunded,	12 00
Town of Scituate, aid refunded,	14 50
Town of Duxbury, aid refunded,	50 00
Town of Pembroke, aid refunded,	15 00
Town of Holbrook, aid refunded,	104 00
Individual aid refunded,	13 25
Corporation tax refunded by Commonwealth,	1,850 16
National Bank tax refunded by Commonwealth,	893 26
Inspector of cattle refunded by Commonwealth,	77 16
State Aid refunded,	1,606 00
Military Aid refunded,	60 00
Support of State paupers refunded,	31 00
Superintendent of Schools account refunded,	416 67
Board of Charity and Lunacy and Trustees of Lyman Industrial School,	83 50
Town of Rockland, tuition of Ethel and Olive Tilton,	30 00
Blowing ledge on Main street refunded by county,	160 25
Otis W. Soule, clerk of court, fines,	11 29
A. K. Harmon, sheriff fine,	5 00
Charles A. Bates, interest on mortgage,	35 00
Board of W. E. B. Thomas, one year,	156 00
Wendall P. Thayer, license,	6 00
Charles H. Wilder, license,	1 00
W. W. Cutler, license,	1 00
Joseph H. Corthell, license,	1 00
John H. Webb, licensæ,	2 00
John H. Benson, license,	2 00
Almshouse, sale of produce etc.,	72 14
Rent of Town flat,	1 00
Sale of fish rights,	2 25

Sale of grass on town flats, 1897,	\$21 75
Sale of grass at Church Hill,	1 00
Sale of lot in cemetery,	10 00
Sale of grass in cemetery,	4 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipation of taxes,	6,000 00
Henry Norwell, for highways,	2,500 00
Taxes, 1890-94,	233 37
Interest on above taxes,	21 60
Assessment of 1897,	13,056 51
Balance of Maverick Bank deposit,	228 58
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	\$29,389 67

## CR.

Cash paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$18,062 47
G. A. R. Post 112, per vote of town,	150 00
Coaching parade, per vote of town,	30 00
Alpheus Thomas, moderator, per vote,	4 00
Expenses Second District Court,	65 42
South Scituate Savings Bank, notes,	6,000 00
Interest on above notes and on time loan,	608 05
Interest Coffin fund note,	100 00
Interest A. T. Otis poor fund note,	58 50
Interest Betsey B. Tolman note,	13 50
State tax,	770 00
County tax,	1,678 09
Scituate tax,	11 47
Due from Maverick Bank,	228 58
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	\$27,780 08
Cash to balance,	1,609 59
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	\$29,389 67

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE T. FOGG, Treasurer.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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Edwin A. Turner, Collector, in account with the Town of  
Norwell.

## 1890 Taxes.

	DR.	CR.
Jan. 18, 1897.		
To cash on hand,	\$2 00	
To outstanding taxes of 1890,	10 51	
By cash paid Treasurer,		\$12 51
	<u>\$12 51</u>	<u>\$12 51</u>

## 1891 Taxes.

Jan. 18, 1897.		
To outstanding taxes of 1991,	\$11 60	
By cash paid Treasurer,		\$11 60
	<u>\$11 60</u>	<u>\$11 60</u>

## 1892 Taxes.

Jan. 18, 1897.		
To outstanding taxes of 1892,	\$18 44	
By cash paid Treasurer,		\$18 44
	<u>\$18 44</u>	<u>\$18 44</u>

## 1893 Taxes.

Jan. 18, 1897.		
To cash on hand,	\$2 00	
To outstanding taxes of 1893,	35 15	
By cash paid Treasurer,		\$37 15
	<u>\$37 15</u>	<u>\$37 15</u>

**1894 Taxes.**

Jan. 18, 1897.

To cash on hand,	\$51 56	
To outstanding taxes of 1894,	132 05	
By cash paid Treasurer,		\$153 67

Jan. 20, 1898.

By outstanding taxes of 1894,		29 94
	<u>\$183 61</u>	<u>\$183 61</u>

**1897 Taxes.**

To assessment of May 1, 1897, \$13,056 51

By cash collected and paid Treasurer, \$12,589 75

Deposited with the Treasurer in accordance with the vote of the town and provision in my bond, 466 76

<u>\$13,056 51</u>	<u>\$13,056 51</u>
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Total amount of interest collected and paid Treasurer :

On 1890 taxes,	\$2 80
“ 1892 “	2 23
“ 1893 “	2 16
“ 1894 “	14 41
	<u>\$21 60</u>

EDWIN A. TURNER, Collector.



# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Value of buildings,	\$422,700	
“ land,	271,898	
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Total real estate,		\$694,598
Value of personal estate assessed,		168,744
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Total valuation,		\$863,342

Number of polls,	474
Number paying poll tax only,	127
Number of horses assessed,	446
“ cows, “	206
“ other cattle assessed,	49
“ swine, “	63
“ sheep, “	52
“ fowl, “	8,344
“ dwelling houses assessed,	447
“ acres of land, “	12,055

Assessors' certificate to collector,	\$13,021 40
Additional taxes,	35 11
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	\$13,056 51

State tax,	\$770 00
County tax,	1,678 09
Town tax,	10,300 00
Overlaying,	273 31
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	\$13,021 40

Rate of taxation, \$14 on \$1,000.



## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

## Tax of 1890.

Elery F. Ainsley,	\$2 00	Jesse M. Winslow,	\$2 63
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## Tax of 1891.

Jesse M. Winslow,	\$2 72
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## Tax of 1892.

Rufus Winslow,	\$2 80	Waldo Prince,	\$2 33
Jesse M. Winslow,	2 78		

## Tax of 1893.

Rufus Winslow,	\$4 91	Henry T. Gunderway,	\$2 00
Alonzo C. Sylvester,	2 00	Waldo Prince,	2 34
James Patterson, estate,	5 67	Jesse M. Winslow,	2 81
Elery F. Ainsley,	2 00		

## Tax of 1894.

Elery F. Ainsley,	\$2 00	William T. Hunt,	\$2 00
Rufus Winslow,	4 47	Jesse M. Winslow,	2 97
Henry T. Gunderway,	2 00	James Patterson, est.,	5 67
Alonzo C. Sylvester.	2 00	Waldo Prince,	2 33

## Tax of 1896.

Thomas Turner,	\$9 00	John Tilden,	\$7 00
William Couch,	2 00	George S. Totman,	91
Henry Goss,	2 00	Ezekiel E. Gunderway,	6 76

George G. Currell,	\$2 00	Wallace Chapel,	\$ 84
James H. Leavitt,	70	Herbert E. Robbins,	2 00
Mrs. John Enolds,	3 85	C. Leonard Damon,	2 00
Henry W. Winslow,	2 00		

Total, \$101.49.

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
 GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
 ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
 Assessors of Norwell.

# SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS, SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation (including painting School  
House, District No. 1), \$300 00

## District No. 1.

Paid,—

F. A. Prouty, labor and material,	\$66 60	
Levi N. Osborne, “ “ “	15 25	
Brown & Lehan, “ “ “	59 74	
Annie Scully, cleaning,	7 00	
		\$148 59

## District No. 2.

Paid,—

C. A. Peterson, labor and material,	\$8 15	
Levi N. Osborne, “ “ “	4 50	
Brown & Lehan, “ “ “	1 82	
C. H. Baker, repairs,	2 00	
Susan Smith, cleaning,	6 00	
		\$22 47

## District No. 3.

Paid,—

Levi N. Osborne, labor and material,	\$9 00
Brown & Lehan, labor,	1 40
A. S. Richardson, labor and material (fence),	15 75
E. W. French, repairs on clock,	75

Phineas Williamson, cleaning yard,	\$1 60	
William R. Vinal, sand,	80	
Emma R. Totman, cleaning,	7 50	
Geo. F. Welch, bell,	87	
	<hr/>	\$37 67

## District No. 4.

Paid,—

Levi N. Osborne, labor and material,	\$9 00	
C. C. Merritt, repairs,	15 75	
Charles S. Merritt, repairs,	3 50	
Brown & Lehan, labor and material,	27 38	
John Monahan, curtains,	7 20	
	<hr/>	\$62 83

## District No. 5.

Paid,—

Brown & Lehan, labor and material,	\$20 70	
Charles Simmons, repairs on flag staff,	3 00	
Samuel Turner, repairs,	5 75	
William Sylvester, labor,	2 00	
Mary A. Osborne, cleaning,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$37 95

## District No. 6.

Paid,—

Levi N. Osborne, labor and material,	\$14 22	
J. F. Turner, repairs on pump, 1896-7,	5 00	
J. F. Turner, labor and material,		
shingling,	58 25	

John Turner, repairing pump,	\$3 50
R. W. McDonald, repairs on flag,	1 50
William Sylvester, labor,	2 00
Brown & Lehan, labor,	2 33
Lizzie Spellman, cleaning,	5 50

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\$92 30

District No. 7.

Paid,—

B. B. Lucas, labor and material,	\$10 25
Brown & Lehan, labor,	6 40
John McKee, water supply one year,	5 00
Parker W. Cushing, repairs,	80
Thomas Barstow, labor and material,	9 65
Israel Hatch, repairs,	46
George A. Gardner, labor,	2 00
Eva L. Winslow, cleaning,	9 00
C. A. Peterson, labor and material,	3 62

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\$47 18

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\$448 99

Litchfield & Curtis, supplies to the several school houses and High school for 1896-7,	19 80
Joel Goldthwait & Co., rugs,	18 00

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\$486 79

High School.

Paid,—

Joel Goldthwaite & Co., rugs,	\$13 00
M. E. Flavel & Co., ribbon,	2 01
Brown & Lehan, labor and material,	36 94
Tryphena Whiting, for transportation of drawing teacher,	7 00

F. J. Croning, cleaning,	\$6 00	
Town of Hanover, traveling expenses for drawing teacher,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 95
Total,		<hr/> \$586 74

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### SCHOOL BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

Appropriation,		\$350 00
Paid,—		
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	\$84 99	
American Book Co.,	151 34	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	19 06	
G. D. Damon & Son,	11 18	
Ginn & Co.,	5 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	2 92	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	10 94	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	3 13	
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	3 62	
Frost & Adams,	8 25	
Anna B. Morton,	2 65	
H. B. Loud & Co.,	10 50	
E. F. Blood,	25	
	<hr/>	\$313 83

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### CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
Paid Marion G. Merritt,	\$300 05	

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid A. J. Curtis,	\$500 00
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 PAID TEACHERS.

E. F. Blood, Principal High School,	\$900 00
Mattie S. Wilder, assistant “	304 00
Anna B. Morton, drawing “	57 50
Town of Hanover, for drawing teacher,	15 00
Della F. Nichols, Dist. No. 1,	319 00
Charlotte R. Brooks, “ 2,	319 00
Mabel A. Elliot, “ 3,	207 00
Nellie M. Sparrell, “ 3,	130 00
Louise E. Ford, “ 4,	342 00
Marion G. Merritt, “ 5,	342 00
Lulu B. Tilden, “ 6,	304 00
Sophia M. Buttrick, “ 7,	319 00
Maria W. Tolman, “ 7,	304 00

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 \$3,862 50

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 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES.—EAST WARD.

E. P. Joseph, 46½ days at \$2.	\$93 00
“ “ 1 man and 2 horses 927 hours at 50c,	463 50
“ “ 1 man and 1 horse 108 “ 33½c,	36 00
“ “ 1 man 135 “ 20c,	27 00
Caleb D. Litchfield 54 “ “	10 80
Frank Baker 184 “ “	36 80
John E. Leslie 458 “ “	91 60
John Litchfield 8 “ “	1 60

James H. Leavitt	263 hours at 50c,	\$52 60
Fred Gardner	64 " "	12 80
David Griffith	237½ " "	47 50
Robert N. Leavitt	263 " "	52 60
Seth O. Fitts	322 " "	64 40
William Monahan	204 " "	40 80
Alexander Black	404½ " "	80 90
Charles S. Merritt	8½ " "	1 70
Daniel R. Ewell	10 " "	2 00
Frank P. Tilden	54 " "	10 80
Charles M. Leavitt	104 " "	20 80
L. Walter Jacobs	104 " "	20 80
Edward F. Freeman	104 " "	20 80
James P. Spellman	18 " "	3 60
Edward C. Jacobs	9 " "	1 80
Franklin Burns	28 " "	5 60
D. Oscar Wagner, 1 man and 2 horses	54 h. at 50c,	27 00
C. A. Litchfield, 1 man and 2 horses	63 " 50c,	31 50
Charles Kilbourn, 1 man and 2 horses	36 " 50c,	18 00
"	4 hours at 20c,	80
"	198 loads of gravel at 6c,	11 88
John S. Gardner, 1 man and 2 horses	73 hours at 50c,	36 50
John F. Moody, " " " "	" " " "	36 50
"	575 loads gravel at 6c,	34 50
Jos. H. Hatch, 1 man and 2 horses	73 hours at 50c,	36 50
John W. Burns, " "	28 " "	14 00
Jas. W. Sampson, 2 men, 4 horses	81 " \$1,	81 00
Tilon Williams, 1 man and 2 " "	72 " 50c,	36 00
Wm. D. Turner, " " " "	72 " "	36 00
James Green, " 1 " "	81 " 33½c,	27 00
"	16 loads gravel at 6c,	96
Albert C. Tilden	77 hours at 20c,	15 40
Arthur Turner	68 " "	13 60
Archie Merritt	180 " 16½c,	30 00



Frank Thomas	350 loads gravel at 6c,	\$21 00
Mrs. B. Brown	315        "        "	18 90
George F. Welch,	drain pipe and tools,	5 18
Total,		<u>\$1,732 02</u>

### HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES.—WEST WARD.

R. P. Briggs,	55 days at \$2.	\$110 00
E. C. Briggs	106 hours at 20c,	21 20
E. C. Briggs,	1 man & 2 horses 233 hours at 50c,	116 50
D. Barnes,	"        "        57        "        "	28 50
John Collamore	"        "        101        "        "	50 50
Wm. Collamore	"        "        63½        "        "	31 75
C. Brett,	"        "        136        "        "	68 00
P. McNicol	"        "        100        "        "	50 00
Waldo Jones	"        "        148½        "        "	74 50
George Rix	"        "        90½        "        "	45 25
Benjamin Loring	"        "        106        "        "	53 00
Wm. Farrar	"        "        137        "        "	68 50
C. E. Brewster	"        "        77        "        "	38 50
Joshua Freeman	"        "        42        "        "	21 00
James Warner	"        1 horse        29        "        33½c,	9 66
Wm. Lapham	"        "        111        "        "	37 00
Alvin Baker	20 hours at 20c,	4 00
Phineas Williamson	61        "        "	12 20
P. Gammon	242½        "        "	48 50
Frank Damon	314½        "        "	62 90
Henry Fox	12        "        "	2 40
George Cowing	46        "        "	9 20
W. Damon	135½        "        "	27 10
Andrew Clapp	143        "        "	28 60
A. Stoddard	75½        "        "	15 10
George Crocker	141½        "        "	28 30
B. Poole	103        "        "	20 60

Alpheus Thomas	16	hours at	20c,	\$3 20
George Bates	103	"	"	20 60
Asaph Vining	115½	"	"	23 10
Alvin Vinal	100	"	"	20 00
Samuel Loring	225½	"	"	45 10
E. Loring	20	"	"	4 00
Walter Simmons	78½	"	"	15 70
B. Brown	46	"	"	9 20
Henry Maine	124	"	"	24 80
W. Hayden	150	"	"	30 00
E. W. Brooks	60	"	"	12 00
Frank Vining	27	"	"	5 40
Wm. Purtle	112	"	"	22 40
Henry Studley	45	"	"	9 00
J. Griffin	73	"	"	14 60
S. Damon	169	"	"	37 80
T. Sheehan	223½	"	"	44 70
" boy and horse,				16 50
Morris Gammon	51½	"	"	10 30
D. D. Sprague	41	"	"	8 20
Walter Briggs	29	"	"	5 80
George Wilder	92	"	"	18 40
W. Smith	79½	"	"	15 90
A. Lewis	45	"	"	9 00
H. Smith	20	"	"	4 00
Rufus Winslow	30	"	"	6 00
Vesta Turner		gravel,		33 00
S. Henderson		"		8 32
C. B. Collins		"		8 00
Mrs. W. S. Briggs		"		4 00
B. Jacobs estate,				8 00
E. Johnson,				48
George Vinal,				3 30
J. H. Hackett,				1 26
W. Collamore,				1 60

C. A. Peterson, drain pipe,	\$8 50
D. D. Sprague, posts and rails,	6 50
Tools and freight,	2 10
E. W. Gardner, iron work,	1 85
Frank Alger,           “	2 55
Ames Plow Co., road tools,	9 02
Repairs on road machine,	3 50
Repairs to plow,	75
Total,	<hr/> \$1,621,19

Out of the above amount \$850 was expended on Main street, and \$75 on High street.

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#### HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES. SOUTH WARD.

L. F. Hammond	54 days at \$2,	\$108 00
“       “       1 man & 2 horses	252 hours at 50c,	126 00
“       “       “       1 horse	12       “       34c,	4 08
“       “       “       2 horses	135       “       “	45 90
George W. Barrell	180       “       “	36 00
John Knapp	329       “       “	65 80
Orlando H. Lake	396       “       “	79 20
Robert Montgomery	247       “       “	49 40
James W. Studley	528½       “       “	105 70
John Corthell	476½       “       “	95 30
“       “       and 1 horse	18       “       34c,	6 12
Albion Snowdale	101½       “       20c,	20 30
Edward Couch, 1 man, 1 horse	104       “       34c,	35 36
Edward Hatch	20       “       20c,	4 00
Wm. S. Simmons	3       “       “	60
“       “       1 man, 2 horses,	1       “       50c,	50
George C. Waterman	2½       “       20c,	50
David Bassford	41½       “       “	8 30
George W. Smith	137       “       “	27 40

E. M. Sexton,	1 man, 2 horses	199 hours at	50c,	\$99 50
Chas. A. Berry	“ “	156	“ 50c,	78 00
George H. Lee		351	“ 20c,	70 20
Walter R. Barker		143	“ “	28 60
Edgar E. Lee		261	“ “	52 20
Miles S. Turner		62	“ “	12 40
“ “	1 man, 2 horses	162	“ 50c,	81 00
Charles H. Kendall		125	“ 20c,	25 00
Irving Prince		107	“ “	21 40
Martin Prince		18	“ “	3 60
Charles Simmons		15	“ “	3 00
“	1 man, 2 horses	101	“ 50c,	50 50
Geo. W. Gerrish,	“ 1 “	71	“ 34c,	24 14
David Griffith		7½	“ 20c,	1 50
James Brown & man	21 days at \$4.50,			94 50
“	use of tools,			2 50
Fred H. Baker,		73	“ 20c,	14 60
Frank White		120	“ 20c,	24 00
Fred W. Capell		75½	“ 20c,	15 10
Francis E. Henderson &	2 horses	68	“ 50c,	34 00
Wm. Capell and	1 “	56	“ 34c,	19 04
Jas. B. Knapp and	1 “	72	“ 34c,	24 48
Alonzo B. Whiting and	1 “	72	“ 34c,	24 48
Geo. E. Torrey and	2 “	16	“ 50c,	8 00
Clarence E. Barnard		48	“ 20c,	9 60
Henry A. Turner		26	“ 20c,	5 20
“ “	1 horse	2	“ 17c,	34
“ “	13 loads gravel at		6c,	78
Nathan S. Turner and	2 horses	30½	“ 50c,	15 25
I. Chenervet		64	“ 20c,	12 80
W. B. Wrightington		8½	“ 20c,	1 70
Thomas Barstow, covering drain,				3 40
Chas. W. Tilden, blacksmithing,				6 35
Vesta Turner	336 loads gravel at	6c,		20 16
John H. Knapp	50 “ “			3 00
Joshua R. Barker	300 “ “			18 00

Frederick Kendall, 7½ loads gravel at 6c,	\$ 45
C. A. Peterson, drain pipe,	13 65
Seth Foster, dynamite and express,	13 45
Alvin Baker, stone work,	11 62
Lot Phillips, 100 loads gravel at 6c,	6 00
Road tools and repairs on road machine,	12 52
Harrison L. House, plans and surveys, Main st.,	37 50
Litchfield & Curtis,	24
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	\$1,822 21

Received from the County for removing ledge, Main street,	160 25
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	\$1,661 96

Out of the above amount \$777.24 was expended on work on Main street ; County, \$160.25, making a total of \$937.49.

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### SUMMARY.

Town appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
Received from Henry Norwell Esq.,	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,000 00
Expended by E. P. Joseph,	\$1,732 02	
“ R. P. Briggs,	1,621 19	
“ L. F. Hammond,	1,822 21	
	<hr/>	\$5,175 42
Ledge work, Main street, refunded by County,	160 25	
	<hr/>	\$5,015 17

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY NORWELL,	} Road Commissioners.
R. P. BRIGGS,	
L. F. HAMMOND,	

## SNOW EXPENSE.

L. F. Hammond	24 hours at 25c,		\$6 00
“	“ man and 2 horses, 18 hours at 75c,		13 50
“	“ 1 man 9 hours at 25c,		2 25
Albion Snowdale	19	“ “	4 75
Robert Montgomery	36	“ “	8 99
Robert Montgomery Jr.	16	“ 15c,	2 39
James Montgomery	11½	“ 15c,	1 73
W. B. Wrightington	17	“ “	4 25
James W. Studley	33½	“ “	8 38
I. H. Packard	29½	“ “	7 38
Alonzo B. Whiting	29½	“ “	7 39
Irving Prince	12	“ “	3 01
Henry T. Gunderway	10	“ “	2 51
Stephen H. Thomas	11½	“ “	2 88
Fred W. Capell	25½	“ “	6 37
John Corthell	32½	“ “	8 12
Charles H. Kendall	17½	“ “	4 38
Charles H. Smith	16½	“ “	4 13
Alexander Weatherbee	7	“ “	1 75
Wm. R. Smith	16	“ “	4 00
“	“ 1 horse	14	“ “ 3 50
Jesse Winslow	6	“ “	1 50
James Smith	4½	“ “	1 13
John Dagan	11½	“ “	2 88
Carlton Tilden	12½	“ “	3 13
Richard Winslow	12	“ “	3 00
Robert Smith	12	“ “	3 00
George A. Gardner	12	“ “	3 00
Byron H. Merrill	4½	“ “	1 13
Alonzo C. Sylvester	5	“ “	1 25
Martin Prince	21	“ “	5 25
Emery Winslow	15	“ “	3 75
Edgar Lee	21	“ “	5 25



George H. Lee	21	hours at	25c,	5 25
Edwin L. Berry	7	"	"	1 75
Robert Brown	15	"	"	3 75
George W. Smith	30	"	"	7 50
C. S. Dean	16	"	"	4 00
Edward Couch	26½	"	"	6 63
" " 2 horses	7½	"	50c,	3 75
" " 1 horse	8	"	25c,	2 00
Israel Hatch	1	"	"	25
Ralph Gardner	5	"	"	1 25
Henry J. Tolman	9	"	"	2 25
Thomas C. Sampson	17	"	"	4 25
John H. Knapp	8	"	"	2 00
Robert McKee	5½	"	"	1 38
Francis E. Henderson	29	"	"	7 25
A. F. Henderson	14	"	"	3 50
R. C. Henderson	4½	"	15c,	68
F. W. Dyer	8	"	25c,	2 00
Geo. W. Rix	15	"	"	3 75
John Gunderway	2¾	"	"	68
Chas. A. Berry	10⅓	"	75c,	7 75
Orlando H. Lake	18	"	25c,	4 50
Wm. S. Simmons	16⅔	"	75c,	12 50
E. P. Joseph	49	"	25c,	12 25
" " man and 2 horses	67	"	75c,	50 25
Alexander Black	19½	"	25c,	4 87
Charles H. Kilburn	14½	"	"	3 63
D. Oscar Wagner	3	"	"	75
George H. Bates	9½	"	"	2 38
Herbert Litchfield	10½	"	"	2 63
Harry Litchfield	6	"	"	1 50
Caleb D. Litchfield	9½	"	"	2 38
Jesse Reed	8	"	"	2 00
Alfred B. Briggs	2	"	"	50
George P. Litchfield	8½	"	"	2 13

Tilon Williams	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	hours at	25c,	\$ 88
Edward C. Hatch	4	"	"	1 00
Levi N. Osborn	23	"	"	5 75
Geo. W. Griggs	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	3 63
Amos H. Tilden	5	"	"	1 25
John Monahon	5	"	"	1 25
Cushing Hatch	10	"	"	2 50
C. C. Merritt	11	"	"	2 75
Charles S. Merritt	12	"	"	3 00
Archie Merritt	15	"	"	3 75
Allen Merritt	6	"	"	1 50
John E. Leslie	18	"	"	4 50
Orlando R. Litchfield	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	1 63
Charles H. Bates	5	"	"	1 25
John Ryan	5	"	"	1 25
Wallace Chapel	9	"	"	2 25
Carlton W. Pinson	8	"	"	2 00
John T. Moody	11	"	"	2 75
Joseph W. Hatch	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	2 88
Seth O. Fitts	3	"	"	75
Marshall C. Hatch	3	"	"	75
Harry Pinson	2	"	"	50
Wm. Litchfield	2	"	"	50
Geo. W. Richardson	1	"	"	25
J. M. Healey,	7	"	"	1 75
Frank Baker	4	"	"	1 00
Albert Merritt	7	"	"	1 75
George H. Turner	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	1 62
Wm. H. Pratt	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	1 13
R. N. Leavitt	2	"	"	50
Lincoln Ellms	5	"	"	1 25
C. D. Litchfield	2	"	"	50
John F. Turner	4	"	"	1 00
Edward A. Jacobs	4	"	"	1 00
Albert Osborn	5	"	"	1 25



Floyd Cox	4	hours at	15c,	\$ 60
Ambrose J. Cox	9	"	"	1 35
R. P. Briggs	16	"	25c,	4 00
E. C. Briggs	13	"	"	3 25
Joseph Briggs	20	"	"	5 00
E. C. Briggs	2 horses 18	"	50c,	9 00
E. B. Jones	4	"	25c,	1 00
A. S. Richardson	6	"	"	1 50
B. Richardson	4	"	"	1 00
Robert Thompson	9	"	"	2 25
A. T. Farrar	16½	"	"	4 12
Hiram Damon	13	"	"	3 25
L. Griffin	20	"	"	5 00
O. W. Lambert	15½	"	"	3 87
Geo. A. Bates	12	"	"	3 00
Geo. H. Bates	18½	"	"	4 62
E. H. Stoddard	9	"	20c,	1 80
C. R. Delano	2½	"	"	50
B. B. Poole	20	"	25c,	5 00
Geo. A. Poole	3	"	"	75
J. D. Stoddard	4	"	"	1 00
Arthur Pratt	7½	"	20c,	1 50
Frank E. Studley	9½	"	25c,	2 37
G. C. Cowing	13½	"	"	3 37
E. F. Poole	4	"	"	1 00
M. L. Loring	15	"	"	3 75
E. L. Loring	16	"	"	4 00
A. W. Robinson	13½	"	"	3 37
A. W. Thomas	13½	"	"	3 37
C. F. Scully	4	"	"	1 00
Charles Scully	5	"	"	1 25
C. H. Pratt	5	"	"	1 25
Alpheus Thomas	15	"	"	3 75
Wm. T. Lapham	7½	"	"	1 87
James Ednie	7	"	"	1 75

Walter Simmons	29	hours at 25c,	\$7 25
“ “ oxen,			1 75
C. Brett and 2 horses	18	“ 75c,	13 50
C. F. Marble	17	“ 25c,	4 25
Wm. H. Farrar and 2 horses	12 $\frac{2}{3}$	“ 75c,	9 50
B. H. Griffin	12	“ 25c,	3 00
Albion Damon	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	“ “	2 37
Frank Damon	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	“ “	4 12
C. E. Brewster and 2 horses	14	“ 75c,	10 50
Chas. Hines	15	“ 25c,	3 75
Morris Gammon	13	“ “	3 25
Wm. J. Hayden	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	“ “	3 87
John Gunderway	3	“ “	75
Geo. W. Rix	7	“ “	1 75
E. C. Damon	17	“ “	4 25
“ Damon	7	“ 15c,	1 05
Henry Studley	7	“ 25c,	1 75
E. A. Jacobs	13	“ “	3 25
Geo. Magoun	5	“ “	1 25
M. Griffin	10	“ “	2 50
J. A. Turner	10	“ “	2 50
Andrew Clapp	20	“ “	5 00
Geo. Wilder	17	“ “	4 25
G. H. Vinal	17	“ “	4 25
Samuel Loring	21	“ “	5 25
Andrew Stockbridge	29	“ “	7 25
“ “ 2 horses	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	“ 50c,	7 75
Fred Bates	20	“ 25c,	5 00
P. Gammon	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	“ “	2 37
A. A. Vinal	4	“ “	1 00
Alvin D. Vinal	3	“ “	75
James Gammon	14	“ “	3 50
Wallace Damon	6	“ “	1 50
Albion Damon	8	“ “	2 00
A. Lewis	2	“ “	50

D. D. Sprague	15	hours at	25c,	\$3 75
Chas. H. Totman	24½	“	“	6 12
Geo. Crocker	2	“	“	50
Henry Maine	9½	“	“	2 37
J. H. Prouty	18½	“	“	4 62
Fred Prouty	2	“	“	50
B. W. Prouty	1¾	“	“	43
G. A. Ayling	9½	“	“	2 38
Daniel Barnes	19	“	“	4 75
Timothy Sheehan	20	“	“	5 00
A. H. Loring	20½	“	“	5 12
Waldo Jones	5	“	“	1 25
Ellis Brown	14	“	“	3 50
W. G. Collamore	21½	“	“	5 37
J. Costello	4	“	“	1 00
Frank Prouty	22	“	“	5 50
W. Pertle	2½	“	“	62
J. H. Hackett	5	“	“	1 25
Total,				<hr/> \$663 11

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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Appropriation,

\$2,500 00

## ALMSHOUSE EXPENDITURES.

Value of articles on hand Jan. 1, 1897, \$410 25

Bought during the year :

Paid,—

Waldo Jones, coal,	\$60 00
Geo. F. Welch, coal, 1896,	57 00
E. Clough & Co., supplies,	122 77
Burbeck & Brett, grain,	114 35
Wm. W. Cutler, meat,	51 38
Geo. E. Bates, meat,	19 75
J. H. Corthell, meat,	35 00
Litchfield & Curtis, supplies,	119 53
A. A. Page, fish,	15 29
Chas. A. Berry, fertilizer,	43 77
T. A. Lawrence, dressing for land,	35 00
W. L. Healey “ “	11 25
E. P. Joseph, ice,	8 00
John P. Henderson, wood,	6 40
Geo. W. Robbins, wall paper,	6 52
M. McDevitt, crackers,	5 28
John Monahan, dry goods,	17 65
Geo. F. Welch, lumber,	3 32
Phillips, Bates & Co., lumber,	12 71
Geo. W. Griggs, carpenter work,	4 75
Brown & Lehan, paint stock,	11 26

Seth Foster, iron columns and express,	\$2 98
W. P. Thayer, shoes,	5 00
C. E. Brewster, pigs,	6 00
J. W. Sampson, weeder,	10 50
R. W. Killam, supplies,	7 00
C. W. Tilden, blacksmithing,	12 40
C. E. Peterson, repairs and goods,	4 60
David Torrey, goods,	6 75
Albion Damon, killing swine,	3 00
A. L. Power, dentistry on horse,	2 00
H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	29 00
Francis L. Smith, services as Supt.,	300 00
David W. Turner & Son, coal,	25 70
“ “ “ lumber,	4 08
“ “ “ bushel boxes,	96
Frank Thomas, service of stock,	2 00
B. W. Jacobs, standing grass,	3 00
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	\$1,185 95

Articles bought for cash by Superintendent.

1897.

Feb. 2 snaps, rope tie 25c, sole leather \$1.00,	\$1 25
Cattle card 10c, 2 lbs coffee 60c,	70
Gal. Varnish \$3.50, pork barrels \$1.00,	4 50
Mar. Team bell and strap 50c, paint stock \$2.50,	3 00
Apr. Card and curry comb 35c, ducks' eggs \$1.08,	1 43
Horseradish 16c, cranberries 25c, oil cloth 50c,	
pills 25c,	1 16
Bonnet and dress for Abbie,	6 00
Dried apples 80, paint stock 75, horse cover, 50,	2 05
Cups and saucers 1.00, gal. jars 50, one-half	
gal. varnish 1.75,	3 25
Pair of lugs 75, strawberries 30,	1 05
May Strawberries 25, 35, 25, 25,	1 10

June Duck's Eggs 1.44, berries 79,	\$2 23
Aug. Plums 85, blackberries 22,	1 07
Interfering strap 25, curtains and fixtures 1.80,	2 05
Barley 1.70, peaches 1.00, hooks 25,	2 95
Sept. Sweet potatoes 25, peaches 1.00, onions 40,	1 65
Oysters 40, burner 50, rubber sheet 94,	1 84
Oct. Pills 25, apples 35, squash 24, soap \$2.50,	3 34
Nov. Apples 40, cabbage 82, rye 30, agate kettle 35,	1 87
Oysters 23, eggs 38, oysters 55, onions \$1.00,	
cabbage \$1.00,	3 16
Dec. Sugar \$1.76, apples 40, kerosene \$3.57, apples, 40, 6	13
Tea 30, bridle front 25,	55
Total,	<u>\$52 33</u>

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### ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

Vegetables sold,	\$27 21
Calves       “	11 72
Butter       “	6 85
Ducks       “	2 00
Milk       “	31 00
Wood sold Mrs. Freeman,	5 00
Pork sold to W. W. Cutler,	2 63
52 weeks' board of W. E. B. Thomas,	156 00
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	\$242 41

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### ARTICLES ON HAND JAN. 1, 1898.

3 tons English hay,	\$45 00
2½ “ Oat fodder,	30 00
2 “ Meadow hay,	18 00

2 tons Corn fodder,	\$16 00
12 bushels sweet corn,	6 00
20    "   field corn,	8 00
2½   "   beans,	6 00
50   "   potatoes,	50 00
35   "   carrots,	10 00
50   "   beets,	12 50
5     "   turnips,	1 50
2 cords wood sawed and split,	10 00
1 barrel flour,	7 00
200 lbs, pork,	12 00
6 bushels pop corn,	5 00
1 horse,	50 00
2 cows,	75 00
1 hog,	10 00
40 fowl,	20 00
5 cords manure,	25 00

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\$417 00

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### SUMMARY OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

On hand January 1, 1897,	\$410 25
Amount bought during the year,	1,238 28

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\$1,648 53

Almshouse receipts during the year,	\$242 41
Board and lodging of 99 tramps,	49 50
Articles on hand, Jan. 1, 1898,	417 00

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\$708 91

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Total cost of poor in almshouse,           \$939 62



## AID TO POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

**Bridget Shea.**

Paid Commonwealth for board at State farm,	\$146 00
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**Joseph S. Litchfield.**

Paid,—		
Taunton Hospital for board,	\$169 46	
Taunton Hospital for clothing,	18 08	
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**Bella Freeman.**

Paid Worcester Hospital for board,	\$169 46
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**Mrs. Calvin Wilder.**

Paid So. Scituate Savings Bank, house rent.	\$18 00
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**Henry Stoddard**

Paid,—		
Diana Pierce for board,	\$107 00	
John Monahan for goods,	5 35	
Litchfield & Curtis for goods,	4 50	
E. Clough & Co. for goods,	70	
	<hr/>	\$117 55

**Mandana Freeman and Child.**

Paid Town of Whitman for supplies,	\$85 50
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**Alonzo C. Sylvester.**

Paid Melvin Little for supplies,	\$4 00
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**Bella F. Sylvester.**

Paid Litchfield & Curtis for supplies,	\$8 81
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**John Jones.**

Paid,—

C. A. Door, M. D., attendance,	\$55 50	
Andrew Stockbridge, house rent,	11 00	
C. E. Brewster, for wood,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$70 00

**Lorenzo Cromwell.**

Paid,—

E. Clough & Co., for supplies,	\$5 00	
H. J. Little M. D., attendance,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 00

**Mrs. John Freeman,**

Paid,—

Litchfield & Curtis, supplies,	\$52 00	
C. A. Litchfield, for wood,	3 75	
Wood from almshouse,	5 00	
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**Sarah Harris.**

Paid,—

Mass. General Hospital, for board,	\$8 00
C. H. Davie M. D., attendance,	46 00
Mass. Homeopathic Hospital,	47 25
H. J. Little M. D., attendance,	10 00

A. T. Davison M. D., attendance,	\$5 00	
Litchfield & Curtis, supplies,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$124 25

**Ezekiel E. Gunderway.**

Paid,—		
Alpheus Damon, for supplies,	\$26 00	
C. L. Howes M. D., attendance,	5 00	
Charles Dudley M. D., attendance,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$41 00

**Family of William T. Hunt.**

Paid,—		
Town of Rockland for supplies,	\$16 75	
Albert Culver & Co., for coal,	12 22	
Union Company, supplies,	1 00	
C. S. Millet, M. D., attendance,	21 50	
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**Mary A. Gardner.**

Paid,—		
John S. Brooks, supplies,	\$42 78	
H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	40 50	
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**Mrs. Charles E. Sylvester.**

Paid Charles W. Sparrell for burial,	\$25 00
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**Child of Waldo Prince.**

Paid Charles W. Sparrell for burial,	\$14 00
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## George A. Gardner.

Paid,—

C. L. Howes, M. D., attendance and medicine,	\$10 00
Melvin Little for supplies,	28 00
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\$38 00

## Charles D. Mann.

Paid City of Quincy for aid,	\$15 35
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## Arthur L. Studley.

Paid City of Boston, Hospital expense,	\$43 00
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## Rufus Delano.

Paid C. A. Door M. D., attendance,	\$60 00
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## Family of Alden Beach.

Paid H. J. Little M. D., attendance,	\$8 00
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## Gustavus Totman.

Paid,—

H. F. Ford, house rent,	\$50 00
“ “ supplies,	4 60
H. J. Little M. D., attendance,	1 00
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\$55 60

## Family of Henry W. Winslow.

Paid,—

H. F. Ford, for supplies	\$3 00
H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	38 70
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\$41 70

Emery Winslow.

Paid H. J. Little M. D., attendance, \$2 30

Mrs. Joseph S. Litchfield.

Paid,—

Litchfield & Curtis supplies,	\$104 00
H. E. Fernald M. D., attendance,	7 50

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\$111 50

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## AID TO PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENT IN OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS.

*Josiah W. Chamberlin, Holbrook.*

Paid Melvin Little, for supplies, \$104 00

*Family of Stephen Thomas, Duxbury.*

Paid,—

Charles Dudley, M. D., attendance,	\$34 00
Chas. W. Sparrell, burial of child,	16 00

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\$50 00

*Charles H. Kendall, Boston.*

Paid Melvin Little, for supplies, \$3 00

*Emma Stetson O'Dell, Scituate.*

Paid H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	\$6 00
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	\$163 00

## STATE CHARGE.

*Edward C. Jordan and Family.*

Paid H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	\$24 50
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## SUMMARY.

Total amount paid for aid to out-door poor,	\$1,789 56
Cost of poor at almshouse,	939 62
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	\$2,729 18
Less amt. refunded by city & towns,	\$163 00
“ “ “ the State,	24 50
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	\$187 50
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Total cost of poor,	\$2,541 68

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
 GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
 ALPHEUS THOMAS,

Overseers of the Poor.

## EXPENDED FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

*William E. Reid.*

Paid Town of Rockland,	\$7 00
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*Joanna Keene.*

Paid Town of Hanover, house rent,	\$50 00
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*Lyman B. Fitts, Marshfield.*

Paid,—

C. H. Davie, M. D., attendance for

1896-7,

\$131 50

Cash,

15 00

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	\$146 50
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Expenditures on account of soldiers' relief,

\$203 50

Less amount refunded by Marshfield,

\$146 50

Total cost,

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	\$57 00
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## STATE AID.

Paid,—

Charles D. Barnard,

\$48 00

David Bassford,

48 00

Amanda Coleman,

48 00

Timothy B. Chapman,

72 00

John Corthell,

48 00

Josiah W. Chamberlin,

72 00

Charles H. Damon,

48 00

Hannah Dover,	\$24 00
Charles David,	72 00
Ensign B. Damon,	48 00
Lucy A. Damon,	6 00
Daniel R. Ewell,	72 00
Charles H. Farrar,	38 00
Seth O. Fitts,	60 00
Lyman B. Fitts,	72 00
John T. Hatch,	60 00
Sarah Hatch,	48 00
Harriet Jacobs,	48 00
Thomas R. Lawrence,	48 00
William H. Morse,	48 00
William O. Merritt,	48 00
Martin S. Poppy,	16 00
Frederick A. Pratt,	72 00
Barden A. Prouty,	24 00
Edwin Studley,	48 00
David P. Robinson,	36 00
Harriet Raymond,	48 00
George O. Torrey,	48 00
Charles H. Totman,	48 00
James W. Warner,	36 00
Esther M. Young,	48 00
Mary Shepherd,	48 00
John McKee,	31 50
James H. Williams,	15 00

Approved by Commissioners and due  
from the State,

\$1,594 50

#### MILITARY AID.

William T. Slason,  
One-half to be refunded by the State.

\$46 00



## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid,—

Thomas Barstow, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 1897,	\$179 00
George W. Griggs, for services as above,	135 00
Alpheus Thomas, for services as above,	125 00
“ “ services on Hingham and Norwell town lines, self and horse,	27 00
Israel Hatch, services as School Committee,	35 00
Marion G. Merritt, “ “ “	30 00
Benjamin Loring, “ “ “	30 00
George Cushing, services as Auditor,	12 00
Horace T. Fogg, “ Treasurer,	100 00
Joseph C. Otis, services as Registrar of voters, clerk,	20 00
“ “ services as Town Clerk,	4 00
John H. Prouty, “ Registrar of voters,	15 00
E. M. Sexton, “ “ “	15 00
E. E. Stetson, “ “ “	15 00
Edwin A. Turner, salary collecting taxes of 1896,	350 00
J. Warren Foster, services as cattle inspector,	47 82
Edwin C. Briggs, “ “ “ 1896-7,	50 50
A. W. Pinson, “ “ “	27 25
Charles Simmons, “ as fire warden,	5 00
Samuel Loring, “ “ “	3 00
John Corthell, notifying town officers,	3 50
C. W. Sparrell, returning deaths,	7 50
J. C. Otis, recording marriages, births and deaths,	20 10
A. J. Litchfield, services as election officer,	2 50
J. H. Lehan, “ “	2 50
Sylvanus Clapp, “ “	2 50
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	\$1,264 17
One-half the expense inspecting cattle refunded by the State,	62 78
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	\$1,201 39

## TOWN HALL.

Paid :—

Horace T. Fogg, for insurance,	\$22 50
George W. Griggs, repairs,	3 25
Litchfield & Curtis, supplies for 1896-7,	3 44
F. J. Croning, services as janitor,	27 00
C. W. Sparrell, lumber,	2 00
C. A. Peterson, labor and material,	4 25
C. W. Tilden, iron work,	75
Levi N. Osborne, labor,	6 25
W. W. Wade, tuning piano,	2 50

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 \$71 94

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid,—

J. S. Smith, printing town reports,	\$71 50
“ “ school “	49 00
Litchfield & Curtis, postage and stationery,	15 44
Lowell & Young, printing voting list,	17 50
Pratt Brothers, “ resolutions,	1 50
A. T. Bliss & Co., “ Arbor day notices,	1 75
F. F. Douglas & Co., “ order blanks,	1 25
J. S. Smith, wood posters and warrants,	4 25
Pratt Brothers, printing for Assessors,	1 25
J. C. Otis, paid for stationery, printing and blanks,	7 05
William S. Curtis, stationery and printing for Selectmen,	5 28
Thomas Groom & Co., order books for Selectmen,	6 75
“ “ “ tax record books,	3 50
J. S. Smith, printing tax bills,	4 00
“ “ printing notices of hearings on peti- tions of Rockland & Abington, and Hanover Street R. R. Co.,	8 76

F. H. Miller, printing town meeting warrant,	4 00
E. A. Turner, printing, postage &c.,	14 08
Thomas Barstow, stationery, printing, envelope stamp, and express,	5 40
Town of Hingham, for work on town line,	16 30
Harrison L. House, survey services, Norwell and Hingham line,	17 50
Seth Foster, expressage,	16 75
Frank Dyer, expressage,	1 85
Alpheus Thomas, postage,	1 80
Levi N. Osborne, labor and materials for foot bridge,	5 45
Geo. F. Welch, materials for foot bridge,	4 07
A. W. Mitchel, police badges,	5 25
J. C. Otis, recording return locations of high- ways from County and Town Commis- sioners,	15 75
Town of Marshfield, care of Union bridge,	2 00
E. P. Joseph, labor and material, Union bridge,	14 87
Estate of E. T. Fogg, use of vault by Select- men, three years,	24 00
Town of Pembroke, seeding ponds,	7 65
Dodge, Haley & Co., iron bolts, Union bridge,	1 40
J. C. Otis, record book,	80
H. J. Little M. D., returning births,	2 50
C. L. Howes M. D., returning births,	1 25
Geo. E. Mansfield, return of death,	25
J. J. Shepherd, return of death,	25
Hingham Fire Department, for services at Valley Swamp fire,	106 50
Bela Brown, watching fire,	2 00
Daniel Brown,           “	2 00
Daniel D. Sprague,   “	2 00
Edwin C. Damon,     “	2 00
William Hayden,     “	2 00

Wallie Damon, watching fire,	\$2 00
Mason Loring,           “	2 00
Edwin L. Loring,       “	1 00
C. H. Totman,           “	2 00
John Jones,             “	2 00
Fred Jones,             “	1 00
Frederick Jones,       “	2 00
William Purtle,         “	1 50
John Pitts,             “	1 50
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	\$493.45

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### CEMETERY.

Received for burial lot,	\$10 00	
“           grass,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$14 00
Paid,—		
Samuel Loring for labor,	\$6 40	
E. L. Loring,         “	3 60	
Samuel Loring, for fertilizer,	1 50	
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		\$2 50

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### RECAPITULATION.

Paid,—	
Taxes abated,	\$101 49
School house repairs, cleaning, care of rooms, etc.,	810 49
School books, stationery, etc.,	313 83

Conveyance of scholars to High School,	\$300 05
Superintendent of Schools,	500 00
Teachers' salaries,	3,862 50
Highway expenditures,	5,175 42
Snow expenses,	663 11
Town officers,	1,264 17
Town Hall,	71 94
Incidentals,	493 45
Cemetery,	11 50
Alms house expenses,	1,238 28
Aid to out-door poor,	1,789 56
Soldiers' relief,	203 50
State and military aid,	1,640 50
Fuel for schools,	227 49
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	\$18,667 28

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NORWELL, Jan. 21, 1898.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector and find them correctly cast and with proper vouchers for all payments made.

GEO. CUSHING, Auditor.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## LIABILITIES.

Notes in favor of South Scituate Sav-	
ings Bank,	\$9,500 00
Betsey B. Tolman note,	300 00
Coffin Fund note,	2,000 00
Note in favor of Trustees of the A. T.	
Otis Poor Fund,	1,300 00
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	\$13,100 00

## ASSETS.

Due from State, for Military and State	
aid,	\$1,617 50
State, for aid to poor,	24 50
Marshfield, for soldiers' relief,	68 50
State school fund (estimated),	360 00
County school fund,	246 96
State, for superintendent and teachers'	
salaries,	416 67
Due on Granderson farm mortgage,	700 00
Taxes outstanding in hands of collector,	29 94
Due on corporation taxes,	85 54
Due from John F. Osborne, for board	
of wife at hospital,	254 70
Due from Maverick National Bank,	228 58
Due from State, for cattle inspection,	31 56
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,609 59
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	\$5,674 04
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	\$7,425 96

## LIST OF JURORS.

To be presented to the Town for acceptance or revision.

James E. Stoddard,	William S. Simmons,
John Corthell,	John E. Leslie,
William H. Richardson,	Joseph C. Otis,
George W. Curtis,	David Bassford,
Arthur T. Stoddard,	Amos H. Tilden,
Bradford B. Pool,	Charles D. Barnard,
George H. Bates,	John S. Gardner,
George W. Richardson,	Charles H. Dyer,
Andrew Stockbridge,	John F. Wilder,
Levi N. Osborne,	Frederic W. Capell,
Henry J. Tolman,	Charles A. Litchfield,
George W. Bailey,	Alpheus Thomas,
Joseph F. Merritt,	Nathan S. Turner,
G. W. H. Litchfield,	William T. Lapham.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
 GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
 ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
 Selectmen of Norwell.



## TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND.

Amount of fund, \$2,000 00

Loaned to the Town of Norwell at five per cent.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	\$118 25	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1898,	101 00	
	<hr/>	\$219 25
Paid for care of cemetery lot,	\$5 00	
Paid for relief of out-door poor,	95 95	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898,	118 30	
	<hr/>	\$219 25

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## TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS.

Amount of funds deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank,		\$1,500 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1897,	\$101 41	
Interest to July 1, 1897,	68 76	
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		\$1,670 17
Paid,—		
C. W. Sparrell,	\$30 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	140 17	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,670 17

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH  
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1897, deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank,		\$200 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1897,	\$11 56	
Interest to July 1, 1897,	9 06	
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		20 62
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		\$220 62
Paid for care of lot,	\$5 00	
Interest on deposit, Jan. 1, 1898,	15 62	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	200 00	
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		\$220 62

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE PRUDENCE C. DELANO  
TOMB FUND.

Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1897, deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank,		\$300 00
Interest on deposit, Jan. 1, 1897,	\$8 16	
Interest to July 1, 1897,	13 23	
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		\$321 39
Paid C. W. Sparrell, care of tomb,	\$5 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	16 39	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	300 00	
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		\$321 39

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1897, deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank,		\$200 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1897,	\$32 16	
Interest to July 1, 1897,	9 96	
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		\$242 12
Paid for care of lot,	\$5 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	37 12	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$242 12

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,000 00
Loaned to the Town of Norwell at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent,	\$1,300 00	
House and lot in Decatur, Alabama,	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	\$44 66	
Received one years' interest on town note,	58 50	
Income from house in Alabama,	60 91	
	<hr/>	\$164 07

Paid, in-door poor,	\$16 00	
Paid, out-door poor,	6 75	
Expenses on house in Alabama,	20 15	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898,	121 17	
	<hr/>	\$164 07

During the first few months of the year the house in Decatur, Alabama, paid a handsome profit on the amount invested, but on the death of the occupant the house again became vacated, and up to the present time the property remains unoccupied.

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
 GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
 ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
 Trustees of Funds.

## CITIZENS' CAUCUS.

The citizens of the Town of Norwell are requested to meet at the Town Hall, Norwell, on Saturday evening, Feb. 26, 1898, at half past seven o'clock, to nominate town officers for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may properly come before them.

*Per Order of the Selectmen.*

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### TRANSCRIPT OF ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

*For the Annual Meeting, March 7, 1898, at 9 o'clock A. M.*

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Art. 4. To choose all such Town Officers as the laws of the State and by-laws of the town require.

Art. 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?

Art. 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses.

Art. 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools.

Art. 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs.

Art. 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow.

Art. 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year.

Art. 11. Will the town accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 13. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Art. 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

Art. 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

Art. 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of State and military aid.

Art. 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 18. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to pay for the transportation of scholars to the High School.

Art. 19. Will the town give any instructions to town officers.

Art. 20. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Art. 21. Will the town accept the one hundred dollar trust fund from the Nancy Hersey estate, the income to be used for the care of her lot in the cemetery.

Art. 22. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant will present them to the Selectmen on or before Feb. 23, 1898.

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,

Selectmen of Norwell.

Norwell, Feb. 14, 1898.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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In presenting my report for the year 1897, I desire to call the attention of physicians, undertakers, clergymen, parents, householders and next of kin, to the changes in the law governing the returns of births, deaths and marriages by them, caused by Chapter 444 of the Acts of 1897. Heretofore in this and other towns, the manner of making said returns made it impossible for the clerk to make a record in his books oftener than once a year, while the provisions of the above named Act, enable him to make such record every month, thus having his books of record always in shape for reference and inspection.

Section 3 requires physicians and midwives to make returns on or before the fifth day of each month of all births occurring in their practice during the month next preceding; and neglecting to make said returns for ten days after they are due, shall forfeit not more than \$25 for each offence.

Section 4. Any member or servant of a family in which a child is born, having knowledge of the facts required for record concerning the birth of such child, shall furnish the same upon request of the town clerk of the city or town wherein such child was born or its parents reside, or of any person authorized by him to obtain such facts. Any such member or servant of a family who refuses to furnish such facts shall for each offence forfeit not exceeding ten dollars.

Section 6. Parents shall, within forty days after the birth of a child, give notice thereof, or cause such notice to be given, to the town clerk. Every house holder shall,



within forty days from the date of a birth occurring in his house, give notice thereof, or cause such notice to be given, to the town clerk; also within five days from date of a death occurring in his house give notice thereof, or cause said notice to be given, to the board of health, if other than the selectmen; if no such board exists, then to the town clerk. The oldest person next of kin present at the death of any of his kindred shall give notice thereof as above. The keeper of an almshouse or other institution shall, when a person is received into said institution, obtain a record of all facts required for record in event of the death of said person and shall on or before the fifth day of each month give notice to the town clerk of every birth or death occurring among the persons under his charge.

Section 8. Any parent, keeper or other person required by section 6 of this Act, to give notice of a birth or death who neglects for ten days after it is due to give said notice, shall forfeit not more than five dollars for each offence.

The attention of physicians and midwives is also called to Sections 10 and 11, and undertakers and those having charge of funeral returns are referred to Section 12.

Section 17. In accordance with the directions of this section, the town clerk hereby gives public notice that he is prepared to furnish to parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor, blanks for the return of births as required by law. Sections 25 and 26 require that the town clerk shall proceed against any who violate the provisions of this act.

Space does not permit of giving more than an abstract of this law, but the full text can be obtained at this office. The clerk earnestly requests the co-operation of the townspeople and those of whom returns are required, and that they will be particular to have said returns as complete as possible so that the records of the town shall be up to date in every respect.

## MARRIAGES.

- Feb. 23. In Norwell, Robert N. Leavitt and Florence E. Pudham, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- March 8. In Hanover, Edgar E. Lee and Lelia L. Sanders, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Mar. 29. In Hanover, Ambrose E. Beach and Sarah M. Gunderway, both of Norwell, by Rev. John Wild.
- May 19. In Hanover, Rodney M. Brett of Hingham and Bessie F. Grose of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- June 5. In Hanover, George E. Magoun and Emily C. Kemp, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Aug. 25. In Cohasset, George S. Hatch of Norwell and Anna Berger of Scituate, by Rev. John Wriston.
- Sept. 6. In North Hanover, Rodney Chamberlain of Dedham and Sadie C. Ford, of Norwell, by Rev. J. J. Tobey.
- Sept. 15. In Hyde Park, Ernest H. Sparrell of Norwell and Mabel A. Elliot, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Oct. 14. In Hanover, Martin A. Prince and Cora J. Casey, both of Norwell, by Rev. David B. Ford.
- Oct. 17. In Norwell, Charles B. Hatch and Cora B. Williams, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- Oct. 29. In Hanover, Frank W. Dyer of Norwell and C. Winifred Litchfield of North Scituate, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

- Nov. 2. In Scituate, Arthur Merritt of Norwell and Ella Sophia Northey of Scituate, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- Oct. 27. In Hingham, Arthur C. Jones of Norwell and Rena F. Mann of Hingham, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Nov. 25. In Norwell, Arthur A. Fuller and Elizabeth A. Montgomery, both of Hanover, by Rev. Edward D. Disbrow.
- Dec. 25. In Norwell, Atwood L. Ford of Norwell and Florence E. Bates of North Scituate, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.

## BIRTHS.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Feb. 2.	Stillborn.	
17.	Caroline Louise Beach.	Alden and Rachael.
24.	Marion Gertrude Jordan.	Edward and Marcella.
11.	Ellsworth Sheldon Bates.	George H. 3d and Mary E.
Mar. 3.	Ethel Elbertine Merritt.	Albert and Kate.
11.	Joseph Milton Hackett.	Wallace H. and Ada P.
22.	Alfred A. Bates.	Charles and Elizabeth.
25.	Mary Elizabeth Ryan.	John and Alice M.
Apr. 3.	Mattie Maria Purtle.	William and Martha.
12.	Adelbert Shurtleff.	Bertrand and Grace E.
24.	Lawrence Delano Osborn.	John F. and Emily E.
June 13.	John McNichol Ednie.	James and Sarah.
24.	Norman Brown Costello.	James and Rebecca.
July 3.	Clarence Howard Baker.	Frank and Maria.
11.	Earl S. Pratt.	Willie F. and Ella.
21.	Elizabeth Otis Lee.	Edgar L. and Lelia L.
Aug. 5.	Illegitimate.	
9.	Helen Amelia Morse.	George F. and Nellie C.
21.	Lawson Frederick Griffin.	Brenton H. and Addie C.
Sept. 14.	Emily Louise Wagner.	D. Oscar and Sarah.
Nov. 5.	Gilman Farrar Collamore.	Wm. G. and Georgie R.
Dec. 15.	Priscilla W. Hammond.	Charles F. and Bertha W.

## DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	BIRTHPLACE.
		Y. M. D.		
Jan. 16.	Nathaniel Ellms,	67 7 20	Dropsy.	Scituate.
24.	John Stockbridge,	78 1	Broncho Pneumonia.	Scituate.
Feb. 1.	Ebenezer T. Fogg,	70 3 2	Bright's Disease.	Scituate.
2.		Stillborn.		Norwell.
5.	Annie R. Costello,	11	Heart Disease.	Norwell.
13.	Israel L. Vining,	66 4 5	Cerebral Hemorrhage.	Hanover.
21.	Richmond Farrar,	83 9 19	La Grippe.	South Scituate.
Mar 12.	Harriet A. Wilcutt,	77 8 15	Marasmus.	Hingham.
18.	Dexter M. Wilcutt,	77 5	Bronchitis.	Goshen, Mass.
Apr. 4.	Alvira W.R.Brooks,	79 10 15	Heart Disease.	Shrewsbury.
5.	Ruth L. Shepherd,	9 3	La Grippe.	Norwell.
May 1.	Bathsheba G.Brooks	85 4	Asthenia.	Scituate.
28.	Caroline M. Turner,	30	Heart Failure.	Nova Scotia.
29.	Mary A. Gardner,	70 10	Heart Disease.	Scituate.
June 16.	Ruth E. Ramsdell,	9	Meningitis.	Norwell.
16.	Sarah E. Farrar,	28 1	Puerperal Convulsions.	Boston.
16.	Aaron Sawyer,	71 7 26	Nephritis,	Hampstead N H
July 5.	Harriet Cushing,	88 6 13	Old Age.	Salisbury
30.	Zaccheus Harlow,	85 6 19	Organic Heart Disease.	Boston.
Aug. 24.	Susan Briggs,	82 10	General Paresis.	Scituate,
Oct. 2.	George A. Gardner,	42 10	Pulmonary Consump'n	South Scituate.
3.	Edward W. Brooks,	60 14	Dysentery.	Scituate.
14.	Erlan N. Thomas,	1 1 20	Dysentery.	Norwell.
24.	Clarissa Johnson,	79 7	Heart Exhaustion.	Stoughton.
30.	Emma H. Woodin,	32 7 27	Spinal Sclerosis.	Pictou, N. S.
Nov. 11.	Earl S. Pratt,	4	Marasmus.	Norwell.
Dec. 5.	Eliza W. Corthell,	82	Nephritis.	Scituate.
15.	Sylvanus Clapp,	66 3	Bright's Disease.	Scituate.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH C. OTIS,

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NORWELL  
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

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# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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## *To the Citizens of Norwell:*

At the annual Town Meeting in March, 1897, Mr. Israel Hatch was re-elected to the School Board. The Board therefore remains the same as last year, and it retains the same organization: Israel Hatch, Chairman, and Marion G. Merritt, Secretary.

## SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

On the 17th of April the School Committees of Hanover, Hanson and Norwell met in joint convention at Hanover, and re-elected Mr. A. J. Curtis Superintendent of Schools.

Each year the value of supervision becomes more apparent, and we sincerely trust that nothing will occur to mar its efficiency or threaten its permanency. The small amount it costs the town is more than returned to it in the valuable assistance given in the maintenance of a more systematic course of instruction and uniformity of method.

## TEACHERS.

Our corps of teachers remains the same as last year with one exception. Miss Elliot, who had taught in District No. 3 for a number of years, resigned at the close of the spring term, and was succeeded by Mrs. Nellie Sparrell.

## BOOKS.

We have made but one change in the text books the past year. The Harrington Speller has been adopted in place of the Swinton that had been in use for a number of years. Though it may seem that one speller is as good as another, there is as great a difference, as the methods of teaching change, in the Spelling, as in any other text book.

At the beginning of the spring term the following supplementary readers were placed in our schools: Claws and Hoofs, Flyers, Creepers and Swimmers, Wings and Fins, Plants and their Children, Short Stories of Our Shy Neighbors, Stories of American Life and Adventure, and The Story of the Chosen People. The books have been of great interest to the children, and much information is gained from them.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

During the summer vacation the school buildings received repairs, but only such as were deemed absolutely necessary. After a personal inspection of the school-room in District No. 4, it was decided that a thorough renovation was needed, and the room was painted and white-washed; desks taken from District No. 2, formerly used for the High School, were varnished and placed there; and, with new curtains, the room is now as attractive as any in town. It was found necessary to shingle the school-house in District No. 6. A fence has been built about the Grove street (No. 3) school grounds, and the school house in District No. 1 has received a much needed coat of paint. We would suggest that the exterior of the Church Hill school-house needs painting, and that it would be economy for the Town to attend to it the coming year and make an appropriation therefor.

We would also recommend that an appropriation be made each year to procure single desks for one school room, and by so doing gradually furnish all our school rooms with single desks. Only one of our District schools now has them (Dis-

trict No. 5). Single desks are more comfortable for the child, much more convenient for the teacher, and are an aid to better order by practically isolating each pupil.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

The transportation appropriation has been distributed by the same method as last year, and we hope for the continuance of the same the coming year.

An appropriation of \$3,350 for the general school expenses will be sufficient for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ISRAEL HATCH,  
BENJ. LORING,  
MARION G. MERRITT,  
School Committee of Norwell.

# EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION

FOR THE WINTER TERM OF ELEVEN WEEKS OF THE  
YEAR 1897.

## District No. 1.

Della F. Nichols, teaching,	\$88 00	
Morris Sheehan, care of room,	<u>5 00</u>	
		\$93 00

## District No. 2.

Charlotte R. Brooks, teaching,	\$88 00	
C. H. Baker, care of room,	<u>16 50</u>	
		\$104 50

## District No. 3.

Mabel A. Elliot, teaching,	\$99 00	
Emma R. Totman, care of room,	<u>5 00</u>	
		\$104 00

## District No. 4.

Louise E. Ford, teaching,	\$99 00	
Ralph D. Merritt, care of room,	<u>3 00</u>	
		\$102 00

## District No. 5.

Marion G. Merritt, teaching,	\$99 00	
Geo. Sylvester, care of room,	<u>11 00</u>	
		\$110 00

## District No. 6.

Lulu P. Tilden, teaching,	\$88 00
Willie O. Henderson, care of room,	3 00
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\$91 00

## District No. 7.

Mrs. S. M. Buttrick, teaching,	\$88 00
Maria W. Tolman, teaching,	88 00
Robert C. Henderson, care of rooms,	6 00
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\$182 00

## High School.

E. F. Blood, teaching,	\$250 50
Mattie S. Wilder, teaching,	88 00
F. J. Croning, care of room,	46 00
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\$384 50

A. J. Curtis, supervision of schools,	\$150 00
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## EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

FOR THE SPRING AND FALL TERMS OF THE YEAR 1897.

## District No. 1.

Della F. Nichols, teaching,	\$231 00
John H. Prouty, for wood,	12 90
Geo. C. Cowing, "	2 00
" " " labor on wood,	1 00
Charles H. Totman, " " "	4 00
Rufus B. Farrar, " " "	4 00
Jeremiah Sheehan, care of room,	10 00
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\$264 90

## District No. 2.

Charlotte R. Brooks, teaching,	\$231 00
John H. Prouty, for wood,	12 90
Simeon Damon, labor on wood,	6 75
Susan Smith, care of room,	15 00
C. H. Baker, " "	18 75
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\$284 40

## District No. 3.

Mabel A. Elliot, teaching,	\$108 00
Nellie M. Sparrell, teaching,	130 00
Patrick McNichol, wood,	9 75
Andrew Stockbridge, wood,	4 50
Leonard Winslow, labor on wood,	4 50
Joseph F. Totman, " "	1 50
Eva M. Totman, care of room,	10 00
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\$268 25

## District No. 4.

Louise E. Ford, teaching,	\$243 00
C. A. Litchfield, for wood,	16 95
John E. Leslie, labor on wood,	4 50
Archie F. Merritt, " "	2 00
Anna O. Merritt, care of room,	6 50
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\$272 95

## District No. 5.

Marion G. Merritt, teaching,	\$243 00
John P. Henderson, for wood,	9 72
Alexander Black, labor on wood,	4 50
Edward C. Jordan, " "	4 50
George Sylvester, care of room,	27 00
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\$288 72

## District No. 6.

Lulu P. Tilden, teaching,	\$216 00
John P. Henderson, for wood,	9 72
D. W. Turner & Son, “	4 50
Alexander Black, labor on wood,	5 75
Willie O. Henderson, care of room,	6 00

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\$241 97

## District No. 7.

Mrs. S. M. Buttrick, teaching,	\$231 00
Maria W. Tolman, “	216 00
Patrick McNicol, for wood,	19 50
William F. Simmons, “	2 50
Martin S. Poppy, “	8 00
Geo. A. Gardner, labor on wood,	10 50
John Dagan, “ “ “	2 00
Robert C. Henderson, care of rooms,	6 00
James Montgomery, “ “ “	6 00

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\$501 50

## High School.

E. F. Blood, teaching,	\$649 50
Mattie S. Wilder, “	216 00
Anna B. Morton, “	72 50
Patrick McNicol, for wood,	6 50
David W. Turner & Son, for wood,	3 50
“ “ “ coal,	49 05
F. J. Croning, care of room to July 1, 1897,	16 50
E. W. Brooks, care of room 2 weeks in '96,	6 50

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\$1,020 05

A. J. Curtis, supervision of schools, \$350 00



## AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PRESENT YEAR.

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$148 72	
Town appropriation,	3,350 00	
Supervision of schools,	500 00	
Refunded by State,	416 67	
State, school fund (estimated),	381 28	
Dog tax (estimated),	246 96	
State Board of Lunacy & Charity (est.),	83 50	
Tuition of Rockland children,	30 00	
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		\$5,157 13
Amount expended,		3,492 74
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		\$1,664 39
Expenses to April 1, 1897,		1,502 50
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		\$161 89

## ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

## SCHOOLS.

	WINTER TERM.						SPRING TERM.						FALL TERM.					
	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.
No. 1. Mixed	37	30.7	27.5	.89	7	24	37	31.7	28.5	.89	4	26	40	37	33.4	.90	9	13
No. 2. Mixed	22	21.3	18	.84	3	11	24	23.5	19.8	.82	3	22	24	22.2	18.7	.77	5	17
No. 3. Mixed	19	15	13.2	.88	16	16	22	20.4	17.9	.87	7	25	22	20.6	17.6	.85	66	28
No. 4. Mixed	37	35.9	34.6	.96	29	19	41	36.5	33.8	.92	62	22	41	31.8	29.5	.92	51	27
No. 5. Mixed	36	29.8	26.9	.90	17	15	35	31.4	28.1	.89	19	32	35	32.2	29.2	.90	18	24
No. 6. Mixed	20	18.6	16.1	.86	4	14	23	18.9	16.6	.88	5	19	23	19.3	16.9	.88	0	12
No. 7. Primary	31	30.3	25.2	.83	21	12	37	33	29.6	.89	15	35	34	30	27.4	.90	21	21
No. 7. Grammar	13	12.1	11.5	.95	4	14	12	11.9	10.7	.90	12	37	19	16.9	15.8	.93	8	22
High School	44	42.9	39.8	.92	7	15	45	42.1	39	.87	3	17	46	44.1	42.4	.92	3	17

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS OF '97.

GRADUATION EXERCISES.

Class Motto : "Palma Non Sine Pulvere."

Class Colors : Blue and White.

GRADUATES.

LATIN COURSE.

Julia E. Damon. Edna F. Gardner. Ethelle M. Shurtleff.

ENGLISH COURSE.

\*Florence S. Barker.

Bessie S. Merritt.

Helen E. Hatch.

Helen Montgomery.

Roy P. Hatch.

Bertha S. Stoddard.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MUSIC.

PRAYER.

SINGING, "The Forgetmenot," School

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY, "Man and the Gods in Virgil,"

Julia E. Damon

ESSAY, "Contentment Hinders Progress,"

Bertha S. Stoddard

CLASS HISTORY,

Bessie S. Merritt

ORATION, "Life Upon the Earth,"

Roy P. Hatch

ESSAY, "The Exile of the Acadians,"

Helen Montgomery

SINGING, "Over the Fields of Clover,"

School

PROPHECY,

Edna F. Gardner

ESSAY, "Our Everyday Speech,"

Florence S. Barker

CLASS WILL,

Helen E. Hatch

ESSAY, "The Noble Use of Knowledge,"

Ethelle M. Shurtleff

SINGING, "Farewell Song,"

School

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

BENEDICTION.

\*Partial Course.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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## *To the Members of the School Committee:*

An extended report of the schools for the past year is not necessary. The usual amount of work has been done—and done very satisfactorily.

Nothing new in school work has been attempted, except penmanship. In the spring, the subject of vertical writing was brought before you for the purpose of introducing it into the schools, if it was thought advisable. After careful consideration of the system it was unanimously adopted.

At the following teachers' meeting they were notified of the change, and that the introduction would occur in the fall. Copy books were furnished the teachers, and during the spring and summer they practiced the vertical hand. At the beginning of the fall term it was introduced into the schools and the result has been very satisfactory. The introduction of vertical writing was a wise and progressive movement, for it is the natural hand-writing of the child.

A few years ago when it began to be discussed by educators and was being adopted into the schools, it was styled a fad by most of the slant writers. It has been growing steadily in favor, and is no longer considered a doubtful experiment, but its success is practically assured; indeed, at the present rate its universal adoption will soon be achieved. The following are among the advantages:

1. "It is much more legible than slant writing.
2. "It is more hygienic, because there is no temptation to twist the back or neck, and the strain upon the eyes is equal.
3. "It is easier to learn, because the letter-forms are simpler and the movements used in making the letters are easier to acquire.

4. "It is conducive to economy, because word-for-word vertical writing occupies less space than does the slant."

### COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study printed in last year's report has been followed as closely as possible. All the grades are not yet in line with it, but are gradually working up to it. As changes will necessarily occur from time to time in all courses of study, no course can be considered perfect. To save the expense of re-printing it every few years, additions and suggestions can be made to it in the annual reports, and such additions and suggestions can be transferred by the teachers to the copy reserved for their schools. The following multiplication table, taken from an educational paper, I wish the teachers to place in their course of study.

"The old table is not sufficient for the purposes of modern number training. Its chief defect lies in its omission of many combinations that are essential to a full comprehension of commonly recurring numbers. For the purposes of mental computations it is quite as convenient and necessary to know that 3 times 15 are 45, or 5 times 16 are 80, as to know that 9 times 7 are 63, or that 11 times 12 are 132. For cancellation and other applications of factoring it is quite as essential to recognize the factors of such numbers as 34, 51, 57 or 65, as it is in the case of 36, 63, 72, or other numbers of the multiplication table. It is certainly true that the importance of numbers is lessened as their magnitude increases. The smaller the number the more we have to do with it, both in the school room and out. The pupil should acquire a complete knowledge of combining and separating the lesser numbers. The limit of magnitude being for all practical purposes placed at 100. In order that the pupil acquire this knowledge, he is led to master all numbers from 100 down, just as he masters certain of these numbers in the ordinary multiplication and division tables. To accomplish this requires the enlargement of the multiplication table, not at its extremity, but throughout its body, as shown in the following table:"

2	2	3	3	4	5	6	7
2X2=4	2X27=54	3X3=9	3X27=81	4X4=16	5X5=25	6X6=36	7X7=49
2X3=6	2X28=56	3X4=12	3X28=84	4X5=20	5X6=30	6X7=42	7X8=56
2X4=8	2X29=58	3X5=15	3X29=87	4X6=24	5X7=35	6X8=48	7X9=63
2X5=10	2X30=60	3X6=18	3X30=90	4X7=28	5X8=40	6X9=54	7X10=70
2X6=12	2X31=62	3X7=21	3X31=93	4X8=32	5X9=45	6X10=60	7X11=77
2X7=14	2X32=64	3X8=24	3X32=96	4X9=36	5X10=50	6X11=66	7X12=84
2X8=16	2X33=66	3X9=27	3X33=99	4X10=40	5X11=55	6X12=72	7X13=91
2X9=18	2X34=68	3X10=30		4X11=44	5X12=60	6X13=78	7X14=98
2X10=20	2X35=70	3X11=33		4X12=48	5X13=65	6X14=84	
2X11=22	2X36=72	3X12=36		4X13=52	5X14=70	6X15=90	8X8=64
2X12=24	2X37=74	3X13=39		4X14=56	5X15=75	6X16=96	8X9=72
2X13=26	2X38=76	3X14=42		4X15=60	5X16=80		8X10=80
2X14=28	2X39=78	3X15=45		4X16=64	5X17=85		8X11=88
2X15=30	2X40=80	3X16=48		4X17=68	5X18=90		8X12=96
2X16=32	2X41=82	3X17=51		4X18=72	5X19=95		
2X17=34	2X42=84	3X18=54		4X19=76	5X20=100		9X9=81
2X18=36	2X43=86	3X19=57		4X20=80			9X10=90
2X19=38	2X44=88	3X20=60		4X21=84			9X11=99
2X20=40	2X45=90	3X21=63		4X22=88			
2X21=42	2X46=92	3X22=66		4X23=92			10X10=100
2X22=44	2X47=94	3X23=69		4X24=96			
2X23=46	2X48=96	3X24=72		4X25=100			
2X24=48	2X49=98	3X25=75					
2X25=50	2X50=100	3X26=78					
2X26=52							



In this table the useless combinations with 1 are omitted, also the reverse combinations of the succeeding numbers. A child may be taught that the product is the same regardless of the order in which the factors are taken, without including the reverse combinations. For this reason in the above table the 4's begin with  $4 \times 4$ , the 5's with  $5 \times 5$ , &c. Teachers will hardly need be told how the child who masters the above table may employ it in shortening the labor of various arithmetical processes. Its value in adding to the pupil's power in mental arithmetic can hardly be estimated. It also greatly increases his capability in all operations involving cancellation or factoring. The table contains 86 combinations not given in the ordinary multiplication table, but these mostly involve the small numbers 2 and 3, and add but slightly to the labor required to learn the ordinary table.

Pupils who already know the old table will learn the new one in a few days. In teaching younger children, only so much of the table is used as falls within the limit of the child's numerical progress; thus, if he has not advanced beyond the number 50, he will not employ those portions of the table that involve numbers larger than 50.

## SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

The following suggestions from a Massachusetts superintendent should find a place in every teacher's note book.

1. "Keep in mind the great objects of education, especially moral character.
2. "Study child-nature and the nature of each child. Teach and govern accordingly.
3. "Plan your work. Prepare your lessons before giving them.
4. "Give pupils plenty of work. Do not let them idle or dawdle in school.
5. "Insist on good work. Require from each pupil his best in all things.
6. "Make the lessons interesting and the school surroundings attractive.



